

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2488**

**Idlewylde Methodist Church**

**1000 Regester Avenue**

**Baltimore, Baltimore County**

**1917**

**Private**

The Idlewylde Methodist Church is located in the Idlewylde community in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The community of Idlewylde was constructed on a tract of land that was originally part of the Beulah Land (BA-2487) property. Joshua Regester, the owner of a Baltimore bell foundry, owned this property in the late 19th century. Regester Avenue, on which the church is located, appears to have taken his name. On April 27, 1907, the Baltimore County Union advertised Beulah Land for sale. In 1911, it was purchased for development and the surrounding land was subdivided to create the Idlewylde subdivision. The church was constructed in 1917 to serve the Idlewylde community.

Located at the northeast corner of Regester Avenue and Parkway Road, the Idlewylde Methodist Church is surrounded by foundation plantings, mature trees, and a paved parking lot. Constructed in 1917, the wood frame church reflects the Gothic Revival style of architecture. The cornerstone of the church reads, "August 26, 1917." Set on a raised, parged concrete foundation, the vinyl-clad church is one-and-a-half stories in height and three-bays wide. The centered entry consists of replacement panel-and-light, double-leaf doors beneath a pointed arch, stained glass transom. A front gable portico with square wood posts shelters the entry. Lancet-arched stained glass windows with aluminum surrounds flank the entry. The gable end of the façade or south elevation is pierced by a circular stained glass window. On the rear of the church, there is a two-story wood frame addition with vinyl siding at the second story and stucco and a one-story shed roof portico at the first story.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2488

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Idlewylde Methodist Church

other

### 2. Location

street and number 1000 Regester Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Idlewylde Methodist Church

street and number 1000 Regester Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21239

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Unknown folio Unknown

city, town Towson tax map 80 tax parcel 129 tax ID number 0909100000

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory  
1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1917	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
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<b>Construction dates</b>	1917
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Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Idlewylde Methodist Church is located at the northeast corner of Regester Avenue and Parkway Road in the Idlewylde community in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The church has been associated with Tax Map 80, Parcel 129 since its construction in 1917.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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USGS Quad: TOWSON  
Scale: 1:24,000



BA-2181  
WARD DRIVE  
TOWSON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1845  
6609 OSLER ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2180  
7004 YORK ROAD  
TOWSON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2488  
1000 REBESTER AVENUE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2487  
6508 CRESTWOOD ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

(BALTIMORE WEST)  
5662 1 SW



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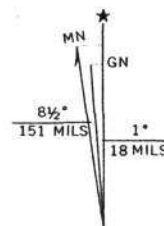
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Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown

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field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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Idlewylde Methodist Church (Idlewylde United Methodist Church)

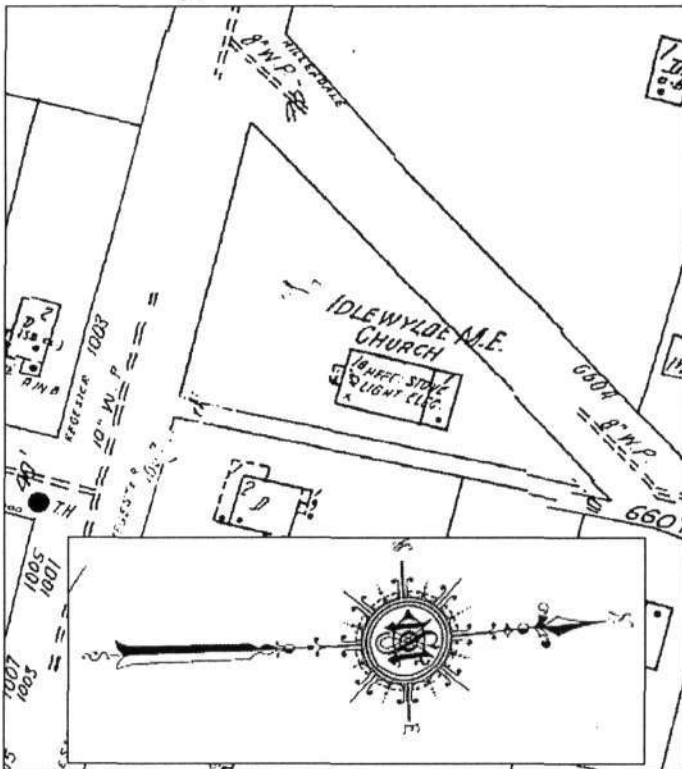
1000 Regester Avenue, Northwood

Towson & Baltimore East quadrangles



Sanborn Map, 1955

Microsoft Virtual Earth image, 2007







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1000 REGESTER AVENUE

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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NORTHEAST CORNER

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**IDLEWYLDE UNITED METHODISH CHURCH** - 19\_\_\_\_ - 1000  
Regester Avenue, Idlewylde. Small, late Victorian  
church ..... with gable roof. Three bays deep, with  
opalescent windows in rectangular frames. At NE corner  
of Regester Avenue and Parkway Road.